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Broken water main prompts boil-water notice for Puget Island residents

OLYMPIA — Thursday evening, the Wahkiakum County Public Utility District advised customers of the Puget Island Water System to boil their drinking water until further notice. The advisory was issued because of a break in a six-inch water main that occurred on Thursday.

The break caused an outage to about 30 homes on the system. Service to those homes has been restored. It also caused the system to lose pressure, which could allow bacteria and other contaminants to enter the water system, so the advisory was issued as a public health precaution.

State health officials advise customers to use boiled or purchased bottled water for drinking, cooking, washing dishes, and brushing teeth until further notice. Tap water should be brought to a rolling boil for one minute and allowed to cool before using. Tap water may be used for bathing, flushing toilets and other similar uses.

Wahkiakum County PUD will continue to work with the Washington State Department of Health to ensure that safe reliable water is restored as quickly as possible.

Customers who have questions may call the PUD at 360-795-3266.

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